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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116  
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/769,382  
 Docket No.: FF-0126US

Dear Examiner Pham:

Attached for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 19, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Scott M. Tulino  
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Attachment

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## In re Application of

Toshiyuki Takao, et al.

Serial No.: 09/769,382

Group Art Unit: 2625

Filed: January 26, 2001

Examiner: Thierry L. Pham

For: PRODUCT PRODUCTION SYSTEM, APPARATUS FOR MANAGING PRODUCTIONS, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING DESIGNATED PRODUCTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Box AFAMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the claims as follows:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 36, wherein said risk ratio calculating unit calculates said risk ratio at the time of producing the printing pictures, wherein said production unit starts producing the printing pictures in a condition that said alert information is listed.

6. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 36, further comprising a customer information storing unit for storing information relating to the customer, wherein said first terminal comprises a customer identification information input unit for inputting said customer identification information to identify said information relating to the customer.

7. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said information relating to the customer comprises history information relating to a purchase history of the printing pictures of the customer, and wherein said risk ratio calculating unit calculates said credibility based on said purchase history of the customer.

8. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 36, further comprising a rate calculating unit for calculating a purchase price of the printing pictures

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